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Assignee: Western Pathology Consultants, Inc.
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Examiner: Labaze, Edwyn

RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

I. Introductory Comments:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.111 and 37 C.F.R. 1.121 as amended, this amendment is made with each heading beginning on a separate page. Please amend the application according to the sections which follow in order to amend the specification and the claims. It is believed that this amendment and explanation resolve all issues. Should any issue remain, it is requested that the examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to fully dispose of the matter as previously indicated.

II. Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

III. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 7 of this paper.

IV. Remarks begin on page 18 of this Paper.

V. Conclusion begins on page 28 of this Paper.